

**DENTAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA**  
**INITIAL STATEMENT OF REASONS**

Hearing Date: January 28, 2005

Subject Matter of Proposed Regulations: Approval of Ultrasonic Scaling

Section Affected: 1070.5

Specific Purpose of each adoption, amendment, or repeal:

To define the requirements that courses providers of ultrasonic scaling must meet in order to obtain board approval.

Factual Basis:

Regulation Section 1086(d)(16) requires that an RDA who wishes to perform ultrasonic scaling of teeth must provide evidence of satisfactory completion of a Dental Board-approved course in this function.

The proposed adoption of 1070.5 specifies the criteria that providers of such courses must meet to obtain Board approval of the course. The criteria is broadly based upon the guidelines that the Committee on Dental Auxiliaries has used in the past to evaluate courses applying for approval, as well as the criteria contained in regulation section 1070.2 that govern full Registered Dental Assistant (RDA) educational programs.

Underlying Data

1. "Use of the Ultrasonic Scaler by an RDA to Remove Excess Cement from Coronal Surfaces of Teeth Under Orthodontic Treatment", revised 7/87, Committee on Dental Auxiliaries.
2. Regulation section 1070.2 – "Requirements for Registered Dental Assistant Educational Programs."

Business Impact:

This regulation will not have an adverse economic impact on businesses.

Specific Technologies or Equipment

This regulation does not mandate the use of specific technologies or equipment.

Consideration of Alternatives

No alternatives were considered because clear and specific standards for course approval are necessary for those seeking approval.